

# The Ongoing Trend of Teenage Pregnancy in the Dayton Area

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## Risks

- Low birth rate/premature birth
- Anemia (Low iron levels)
- Pregnancy Induced Hypertension
- Postpartum Depression
- Lack of Prenatal Care

## Causes

- Living in poverty
- Access to birth control
- Family cycle of teen pregnancy
- Absence of sex education
- Absent parents
- Underage drinking
- Contributes to 75% of teen births nationally

## Effects

- Only about 50% of teen mothers finish high school
- Lead to increased use of drugs and alcohol
- 60% of pregnant teens say they have used 1 or more substances in the past year
- Lead to low income levels annually
- 80% of teen mothers have to rely on welfare at some point of their lives

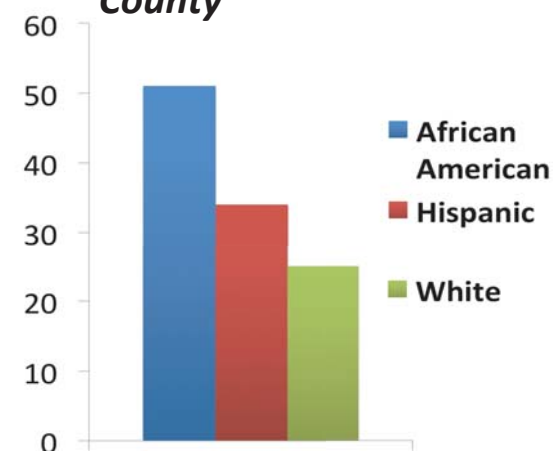
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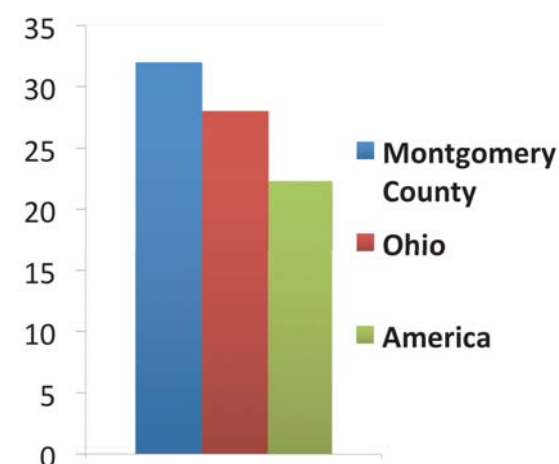
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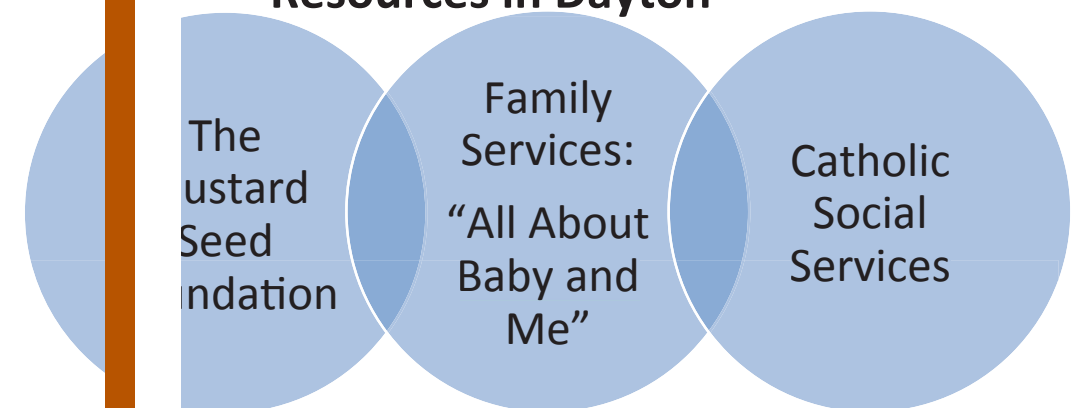
**Figure 1: Pregnant females per 1,000 aged 15-19, Mont. County**



**Figure 2: Pregnant females per 1,000 aged 15-19**



## Resources in Dayton



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